



# City of McKinney

## Legislative Agenda for the 82nd Session of the Texas Legislature



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# Message from the Mayor and Council

The City of McKinney is pleased to share its Legislative Agenda for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Texas Legislature. Throughout the upcoming legislative session, the City will be committed to making sure that we advocate on behalf of the issues that directly and indirectly impact the lives of our residents, businesses, employees and visitors in a positive manner.

The City has an important role as elected officials charged with responding to the individual needs of the community. Furthermore, as the local level of government is the closest to the people, and the entity that provides the majority of public services to the citizens of Texas, the City of McKinney strongly supports local authority and control. As a result, the City will oppose and seek to defeat any legislation that would stand to erode municipal authority in any way, would impose any unfunded mandate, or would otherwise be detrimental to cities.

The following issues are those that are most important to the City of McKinney and its citizens. While there may be other issues that arise during the session for which the City will take a position, those highlighted in this document will have a great deal of our attention. We hope you take the time to understand each of them and lend your support for the betterment of McKinney and cities across Texas.

We look forward to working with you!

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# LEGISLATIVE ISSUES AT A GLANCE

**Transportation:** Connectivity within and around the City of McKinney is important to economic development efforts, as well as opportunities throughout the Metroplex for our residents. The City supports constructing and improving key transportation infrastructure and the proper funding of transportation throughout the state by making sure funds are returned to the regions in which they are generated.

**Public Safety:** Police and fire departments are key components to any successful city in that they provide for the safety and protection of our residents, businesses and visitors. The City requests that the legislature support crime prevention efforts and training to ensure that McKinney can successfully maintain its standing as a safe and secure city.

**Economic Development:** McKinney is a fast growing city dependent upon economic development to sustain and enhance its current quality of life while also aiding in creating a balance between the residential and commercial sides of our community. We support legislation that would allow cities to take full advantage of economic development opportunities through various agreements and funding sources.



As stated by the Texas Municipal League, the City agrees to oppose and seek to defeat *“legislation that would erode municipal authority in any way, would impose an unfunded mandate, or would otherwise be detrimental to cities.”*

# TRANSPORTATION

Over the past decade, McKinney's population has significantly increased, making transportation access and infrastructure crucial to the vitality and economic development of the City and surrounding areas. We are committed to furthering efforts that would ensure our residents and businesses have quality transportation options.

1. Stop diversions of motor fuel taxes to non-transportation programs.
2. Require allocations of all Texas Department of Transportation funding categories across the state to be returned to the region in which they were generated.
3. Require revenue collected by public entities from the use of tolled highway projects be used only for the acquisition, construction, operation, maintenance, or improvement of transportation projects.
4. Funding for the construction and realignment of Farm to Market 546.
5. Funding for the Highway 75 Corridor.

*\* The City also supports the legislative agenda of the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition up to and until it conflicts with the City's goals.*

# PUBLIC SAFETY

The City of McKinney is committed to maintaining a safe and secure city for residents and visitors alike. The McKinney police department utilizes sophisticated crime prevention techniques, which has contributed to our ranking as the 51<sup>st</sup> safest city in the nation.

The Fire Department continues to protect the lives and property of our residents and business owners through prevention efforts and timely responses. As the City continues to grow, the City of McKinney has shown its dedication to Fire services by adding fire stations to ensure adequate coverage throughout the City. As a result, the City now has an ISO rating of 2.

In order to sustain the successes of public safety, the City of McKinney takes the following positions.

1. Continue allowing red light cameras as a tool for traffic enforcement and safety.
2. Ban any and all use and sales of the substance K2.
3. Limit further State incursions on revenue generated through traffic tickets.
4. Authorize use of sobriety checkpoints as a crime deterrent and enforcement tool for intoxicated drivers.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

As a fast growing city, it is important to the future of McKinney to take an active role in its economic development. The City strives to strike a sustainable balance between the business and residential sides of our community. In order to meet our economic development goals, the City takes the following positions.

1. Continued funding of the Texas Enterprise Fund.
2. Continued funding of the Texas Emerging Technology Fund.
3. The continued authority for local governments to enter into tax abatement and chapter 380 agreements, and other economic incentives.
4. Support all legislation that would promote enhanced transportation and infrastructure that would promote sustainable economic development.

# OPPOSITION

The City of McKinney opposes any and all legislation that would diminish its ability to provide quality services and safety to our residents, employees, businesses and visitors. As a result, please note the following oppositions:

## 1. Infringement upon Council Communication Efforts

- Provisions that create unreasonable and possibly unconstitutional constraints on the ability of officials to communicate with their colleagues regarding public matters outside of governmental meetings, and any allowance for criminal prosecution related to such provisions.
- Prohibiting or restricting information to state officials from cities or lobbying by cities.
- Limiting communications between city officials, city staff or city representatives and state officials.

## 2. Reduction in revenue or increased costs to cities

- State imposed unfunded mandates.
- Revenue or appraisal caps.
- Diversion of local funds.

## 3. Damaging Quality of Life

- Legislation that would diminish land use and zoning authority.
- Erode municipal authority over the rights-of way.

## 4. Legal

- Legislation that would erode municipal sovereign immunity.
- Legislation that would restrict or limit indemnification clauses in construction contracts.



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